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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: OGAWA et al
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RESPONSE

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Commissioner For Patents
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February 9, 2006

Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, in response to the Office Action dated January 11, 2006.

In response to the restriction to elect one of the inventions identified as Invention I - claims 7 and 16 - 17; Invention II - claims 8, 18 (second alternative) and 20; and Invention III - claims 9, 18 (first alternative) and 19; with claim 15 being indicated as a generic claim, which will be examined with one of the inventions when elected; applicants elect Invention I, noting that as recognized by the Examiner, such election includes generic claim 15 as well as claims 7 and 16 - 17.

Furthermore, applicants note that it is readily apparent that if claim 15 is found to be allowable, then claims 16 - 20 should be found to be allowable. Furthermore, with respect to claims 18 - 20, which are non-elected at this time, it is noted that


claim 16, which is an elected claim is a generic or sub-generic claim with respect to claims 18 - 20.

Applicants request favorable consideration with respect to claim 15 and the claims of Invention I which have been elected.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 501.41142VX1), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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